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tact has been through the written word—to the general practitioners of the English-speaking world—I should like to say how deeply their loyal support has been appreciated. Nothing in my career has moved me more, pleased me more, than to have received letters from men at a distance—men I have never seen in the flesh—who have written to me as a friend. And if in this great struggle through which we have passed sorrow came where she has not been before, the blow was softened by the loving sympathies of many dear friends. And may I add the thanks of one who has loved and worked for our profession, and the sweet influences of whose home have been felt by successive generations of students?

To the committee and the editors I am deeply indebted for the trouble they have taken in these hard days, and to the publisher, Mr. Paul Hoeber, for his really pre-war bravery; and our special thanks are due to you, kind friends—and in saying this also I would associate Lady Osler with myself—who have graced this happy ceremony with your presence.

The ceremonies terminated with the proposal of a vote of thanks to Sir Clifford Allbutt by Sir D'Arcy Power, and concluding remarks by Sir Donald McAlister and Sir Clifford Allbutt.

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## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

### MEDICAL EDUCATION AND PRACTISE IN CHINA

THE *Journal* of the American Medical Association calls attention to the fact that under the influence of several American and other missionary boards and by the aid of such prominent American medical schools as Harvard, Yale and the University of Pennsylvania, and with the generous financial assistance of the China Medical Board, which was organized by the Rockefeller Foundation, there has been great medical progress in China in recent years, and there are twenty-six medical schools in China. Five of these at present are members of the Association of Medical Colleges of China. Membership in this association is limited to colleges, which provide a four-year medical course, and which require for admission two or more years of college work, including courses with labora-

tory work in physics, chemistry and biology.

Two practically new medical schools, including premedical departments, are being erected as Peking and Shanghai by the China Medical Board of the Rockefeller Foundation. These are the Peking Union Medical College and the Shanghai Medical School. The plan is to make these equal to any other medical schools in the world in buildings and equipments, as well as in hospital facilities and in educational standards.

The Rockefeller Foundation is also aiding financially other medical schools in China, particularly the Shantung University School of Medicine at Tsinan, The Hunan-Yale College of Medicine at Changsha, and the medical schools of Nankin, Canton, Soochow and elsewhere.

A strong appeal is still being made for medical missionaries. In China, with an estimated population of more than 400,000,000 people, including Manchuria and Mongolia, there are said to be at present only 2,000 scientifically trained physicians. It is stated that at the end of 1917 there were 351 foreign medical missionaries who had working with them 212 foreign physicians. During that year these physicians cared for about 120,000 hospital inpatients. Although large, these figures do not begin to touch the great needs of medical service in that country.

The *Journal* notes that all civilized nations are interested in helping to provide better medical service in China for the sake of their own people, if not for the sake of the Chinese, because China is at present the source of many of the epidemics which are liable to sweep over the entire world. It is for the medical practise of the entire world to combat disease wherever it is found by checking it at its very source. If any physician would prefer to have a large practise regardless of the financial income involved, he would have no difficulty in securing it in China, where there is indeed great need of skilled medical service.

### MINERAL PRODUCTION OF THE UNITED STATES IN 1918

THE Department of the Interior has issued a preliminary report on the mineral produc-